The installation of the X-Ray apparatus.

10. Mr. Poulo Mampilli—With reference to the answer to question 21 of the 12th Karkadagam 1101, will the Government be pleased to state if it is not a fact that the present Chief Engineer was once the State Mechanical Engineer in charge of the Electric Installation also ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes.

11. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state if the Chief Medical Officer requested the Chief Engineer to have the X-Ray apparatus fitted up ? If the request was made, what was the reply ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It was after consultation with the Chief Engineer that the X-Ray expert was recommended to be got down.

The supply of medicines.

12. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—In view of the answer to question 26 of 12th Karkadagam 1101, will the Government be pleased to state if Messrs. Burgoyne Burbidges & Co. would not supply its concentrated tinctures and other products at its list price direct to the Government ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese—Without an agency at Cochin it is not possible.

13. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state if it is aware that English firms do supply some drugs at the nearest port for the list price, freight and packing free, and also give 12½ per cent reduction, when they supply to States and charitable institutions ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No.

14. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state why Messrs. Dadha & Co. should be a middle man to supply drugs, when direct import is possible and more economic ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Vide answer to question 119 of the legislative session of 1101. Local agency at Cochin is a *sine qua non* in case of direct import.

15. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the invoices received from Messrs. Dadha & Co. for supplies in 1101 ? If the answer is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to state the reasons ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The invoices are placed on the Council Secretary's table for reference.

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16. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it has not been the practice till quite recently to have invoices of drugs supplied to each institution in the State forwarded to such institutions? If the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state when and why this practice was stopped?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Even now it is the practice.

17. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state if it does not consider that knowledge of the cost of drugs supplied and of particular drugs on the part of the officers in charge of the different institutions will make them more economical and more careful in the use of drugs?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No answer is necessary in the light of the answer to question 16.

The market contractor, Irinjalakkuda.

18. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state if it is aware that the market contractor of the Irinjalakkuda market is harassing the people by collecting illegal amounts for the things taken to the market?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—There have been complaints.

19. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state if the Sanitary Inspector has made any representation about this matter to the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes.

20. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—If the answer to the question above is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state the action taken by the Head of the Department or the Government in the matter?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The Sanitary Inspector assisted by a vaccinator is watching the gates of the market on market days. The Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer has further addressed the Commissioner of Police to depute an additional constable on market days to assist the Sanitary Inspector. To make the rates known to the public, notice boards have been put up at all the gates.

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